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EXECUTIVE ORDER
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SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMISSIONS DIVISION

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Corrections currently allows the use of video games by inmates in state correctional facilities; and

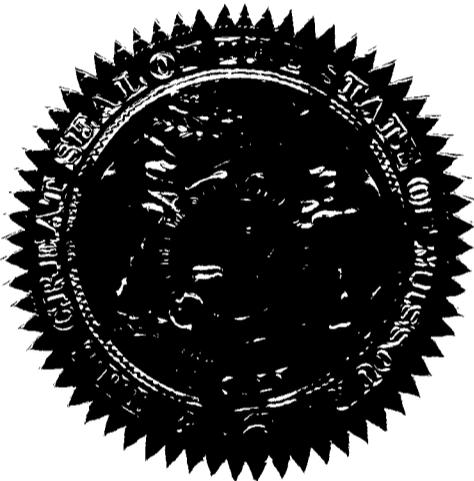
WHEREAS, according to a survey conducted by the American Correctional Association, only two other states besides Missouri allow the use of video games in correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, video games should be considered a luxury that inmates should not be allowed to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, violence in video games is a threat to the security of both the inmates and the staff of correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is not possible for corrections personnel to monitor every individual scene in every video game to make sure that there is no violence involved in the construction of video games.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Matt Blunt, Governor of the State of Missouri, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri, do hereby order the Director of the Missouri Department of Corrections to ban immediately the use by inmates of video games in all state correctional facilities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 24th day of January, 2005.

Matt Blunt
Governor

ATTEST:

Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State